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Villa Colombo Toronto is forever grateful and appreciative of our partnership with the RNAO. The RNAO has been extremely responsive to our needs to recruit skilled Registered Nurses to work on our COVID-19 unit to fill staffing gaps caused by the pandemic. Within hours of our call for assistance, we received an immediate response from *CEO, Doris Grinspun*, who put the call out to over 60 RNs waiting for their call to action; within 24 hours we received over 15 responses, and new hires arrived for orientation within days. The RNAO has also been instrumental in assisting us to recruit Nursing students to fill some PSW staffing gaps.

Recruitment in long-term-care is difficult at the best of times, but heightened during the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the RNAOs assistance, we have hired (2) nursing students as PSWs and (4) RNs in a very short timespan. We are so pleased with these skilled, seasoned, compassionate and hardworking team members.

Thank you for responding so quickly to our request for assistance. We could not have done it without RNAO and its VIANurse COVID-19 deployment program.

Grazie from Villa Colombo Toronto!

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